



# September 2013

# Chimes

## Christ Presbyterian Church

None who live by faith in Christ come to this faith alone. God has seen fit that the gospel should come to people through people. For Timothy, faith came by way of his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois (1 Tim 1:5). For Cornelius, the gospel came through Peter and, in a sense, for Peter, it came through Cornelius (Acts 10). Even for Paul, who received a revelation of the risen Christ, the gospel came through Ananias, Barnabas (Acts 9) and the apostles in Jerusalem. We do not go out and get the good news. It is borne to us by people who had, in turn, received it from others.

The years of our youth are especially prime for receiving the gospel. The good news is essentially about *who*, Jesus Christ, and in adolescence we ask a lot of *who* questions: Who am I? Who am I to others? Who am I to God? Who is God? We also ask *what* questions: What do I believe? What is right? What is worth living for? Christianity deals with such questions, which makes adolescent years a fertile season for welcoming and growing in Christ.

With this issue of *Chimes*, **the Session is pleased to announce the ministry of Amber Bowers**, a new leader in our Christ-bearing ministry with youth. This month, Amber begins her service as Director of Youth Ministries, a half-time position the Session opened in the spring. She will coordinate youth ministry programming and lead the Youth Ministries Committee, but is not coming among us to do youth ministry *for* the church. Rather, she will lead us all in becoming a community that passes on the gospel to youth and receives the gospel from them.

The brief article inside shares some of the gifts and experience Amber brings to her call with Christ Church. We will get to know Amber much better in coming months as we also share ourselves with her. As we live into the youth ministry God leads us to embrace, it is good for us all to keep engaging the *who* and *what* questions of our youth, for truly these never go away. Even more truly, all our *who* and *what* questions about life find inexhaustible response in the ultimate Godbearer, Jesus Christ.

Said the teenage girl who received the Lord even as she bore him, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord. Let it be with me according to your word." May it be so for us all.

*Matt*



The Reeves Family in St. Lawrence Kirche. Having a great time in old Nürnberg! (Full sized photo on bulletin board in CPC hallway.)

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## CPC FALL FEST 2013



### "No Strings Attached"

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH** The Puppet Ministry group will be a part of the Children's Moment during worship. Following the worship service, the children will return to the Sanctuary where the "troupe" will present a Young Disciples Presentation for all ages to enjoy!

Join CPC after the presentation for a fall-themed menu of Apple Cider, donuts and fall apples!

*No Strings Attached Puppet Ministry is an all volunteer, Christian puppet Ministry from Disciples Christian Church in Cleveland Heights. It began in 1993 as a youth activity and quickly developed into a combined youth and adult ministry!*

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**SEPTEMBER 8th** School year scheduling for Sundays resumes.

- 9:30am - 10:10am  
Discovery Time for K-5th grade
- 10:30am Worship
- 10:30am Sunday School for 3 years-5th Grade

**SEPTEMBER 22nd** Joyful Noise Choir rehearsals resume on Sundays at 10:10am.

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Children's Ministries is continuing to collect items for the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. You will find a shoebox in Fellowship Hall for your donations of small art supplies such as stickers, small paper, crayons, etc. We appreciate everything we've received throughout this year and look forward to continuing this ministry. The items donated this year will fill shoeboxes for the 2013 Operation Christmas Child in December.



## SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX COLLECTION WEEK November 18-25

### 2013-2014 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER VOLUNTEERS

#### Preschool Teams:

Sandy Stumpf and Carson McCandless  
Sharon and Devin Schaeffer  
Chuck Scott and Eileen Mormino

#### Kindergarten through Grade 2 Teams:

Debbie and Lauren Brooks  
Beth and Cory Bouchek  
Nancy Moritz and Emma Fischer

#### Grades 3-5:

Brett Congdon  
Heather Reeves  
Tina Fischer

# GET INVOLVED!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's not too late to join the conversation! On August 25th, we began a 4 week class that continues through September 15th. In class, we will review select Classic Spiritual Writings that delve into topics such as the Grace of Humility and Giving All to Christ. Come join us at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall as we dissect these texts in an engaging facilitator led format.

**-Cory Keller**

Adult Ministries

## CHAPEL CIRCLE

Wednesday, September 18th  
11:00am

Charlotte Wood's Home  
Colossians and Philemon  
Chapter 1 pages 1-11  
Leader: Ruth Scharlotte  
Devotions: Joy Wehagen  
(no sandwich needed)

## CPC CLAMBAKE AN

Adult Fellowship Event Saturday, September 21st at 5:00pm. Sign up in Fellowship Hall, before September 13th to order your meal.

## WELCOME INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SEPT. 28:

International students from Case Western and Cleveland State will stop by CPC for apple pie and ice cream after picking apples at Eddy's Fruit Farm. **We need some from CPC to welcome them in at 4:00pm, and to share apple pie and ice cream.** Sign-up to help in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Pastor Matt, 440-729-1688.

## OCTOBER 12 "URBAN DIP" IS TIME FOR MEETING GOD IN THE CITY

Join us in October on an "Urban Dip" as we do in-depth study in the book of Isaiah and spend time in Cleveland witnessing the Good News of Jesus as it is made real in our city.

Friends from both Christ Presbyterian and Bethany Covenant Church in Lyndhurst will come together on the near west side of Cleveland to meet God as we serve together, learn together and have fun together. Through Bible Study, discussion, and service in the city, we will explore the reasons for the difficult circumstances we see in inner-city neighborhoods, and search the Scriptures to understand what the life, death and resurrection of Jesus has to do with boarded-up homes, trash-strewn streets, middle school children who can't read and homeless men and women who struggle with addiction. And we will discover that we have a lot to learn from those struggling to survive in our city, as well as from those who are serving there.

We will be meeting for Bible Study a few evenings in October. We will spend Saturday October 12 from 9-5 in the Clark Fulton neighborhood, serving with Bay Presbyterian's Family Ministry Center. Look for more information and signups come.

## Mindy Erdmann

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Missionary, Winnie Thuma speaks during worship August 11. Winnie delivers the Children's Moment above.

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

**WELCOME TO NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES:**

## **Amber Bowers**



Amber graduated in 2009 from Hiram College with a degree in Religious Studies and Philosophy. On a spiritual journey to Asia she began to sense a call to youth ministry and has lived into it as a youth leader intern for two years at a Disciples of Christ church in Stow, Ohio.

*Amber says, I'm excited to see God's plan for the youth at Christ Church. Kids and youth are a vital part of the life and future of any congregation, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to work with all of you in this important role. I hope to create with the youth a safe and loving environment for us all to grow closer to God through Christ. I look forward to meeting you all, especially the youth!*

We look forward to getting to know Amber in coming weeks and months!

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER**

September 8<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Sunday school begins for youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

Then...Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup>, make plans to attend our bonfire with outdoor activities that include cooking hotdogs over the fire, a movie in the pavilion and other outdoor family games. This is a family event, so parents please plan on coming and joining in on the fun. **SAVE THE DATE!**

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### **ATTENTION STUDENTS 2ND GRADE AND OLDER AND PARENTS:**

We will be having an acolyte orientation for new students, current acolytes and their parents on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00pm.

Please join us for a pizza lunch and information about participating in worship as an acolyte and carrying the light of Jesus into the world!

Any questions, please contact Sue Stamey at [440-840-3495](tel:440-840-3495)

# September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <b>*Sunday Morning Schedule</b>	2 <b>CPC Office closed in observance of Labor Day</b> 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	3 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp	4 6:30am Men's Bible Study	5 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise rehearsal	6	7 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion -CPC
8 <b>*Sunday Morning Schedule</b> 11:45am Mission Committee Meeting	9 9:30am Children's Ministries 7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting 7:00pm Adult Ministries 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	10 9:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Evangelism Committee Meeting 6:30pm Bootcamp	11 6:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Worship Meeting	12 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise rehearsal	13	14 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study - Clyde's Home Youth Bonfire Event
15 <b>*Sunday Morning Schedule</b>	16 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Property & Maintenance 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	17 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp 7:00pm Session	18 6:30am Men's Bible Study 11:00am Chapel Circle 7:00pm Girl Scouts	19 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise rehearsal	20	21 8:00am Men's Tres Dias Reunion -CPC 5:00pm CPC Clam Bake
22 <b>*Sunday Morning Schedule</b>	23 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group	24 9:30am Prayer Group 6:30pm Bootcamp	25 6:30am Men's Bible Study	26 6:30pm Beachland Community Dinner 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 8:15pm Grateful Praise rehearsal	27	28 8:00am Men's Sat Bible Study - Clyde's Home 4:00pm InterVarsity Outreach in Pavilion
29 <b>*Sunday Morning Schedule</b> 11:30am Fall Fest Puppets Ministry	30 7:30pm Men's Discussion Group					

**\*SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:**

- 9:30am Sunday School for Adults and Youth
- 9:30am Discovery Time for K-5th grade
- 10:30am Worship
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# September

## ANNIVERSARIES

Rob & Marsha Zimmermann	09/04
Matt & Heather Reeves	09/05
Jan & Walt Davis	09/06
Bob & Sheila McKenzie	09/06
Jeff & Julie Nitz	09/06
Larry & Carmen Elswick	09/09
John & Karen Perko	09/09
Bob & Joanne Graham	09/17
Frank & Jane Lyon	09/21
Matt & Kathy Troyer	09/21
Sean & Karen Arp	09/23
Bill & Mim Gripp	09/30
Chuck & Sue Scott	09/30

### CPC COUPLES GROUP

Will be hosting: "THE ART OF MARRIAGE"  
November 2-3

This Video Conference is meant to build and  
Strengthen marriage.

Contact Bill & Tina Fischer at 440-729-4515

## BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Hong	09/01
Rusty Wenger	09/03
Bill Troup	09/06
Julie Nitz	09/08
Graham Zimmermann	09/09
Carol Duggan	09/10
Matt Lyman	09/11
Janine Stone	09/12
Evan Moritz	09/14
Sarah Troyer	09/14
Gail Rye	09/15
Allison Tyree	09/15
Jan Beck	09/16
Evania McCandless	09/16
Heather Reeves	09/17
Lindsay Russell	09/17
Debbie Brooks	09/19
Alec Congdon	09/19
Devin Schaeffer	09/19
Susan Coso	09/20
Madison Johnson	09/22
Liz McArthur	09/22
Rich Levine	09/23
Charles Stamey Sr.	09/23
Donna Hetrick	09/25
Lauren Brooks	09/26
Linda Tyree	09/26

### Church office hours:

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Monday - Thursday

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### PHOTO DIRECTORY IS IN!

The 2013 CPC Directory has arrived at CPC. Those who had their photos taken will receive them by hand delivery. Others may pick up a copy at the church.

### CPC FINANCIAL UPDATE 2013 OPERATING BUDGET

Month	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference (Income- Expenses)
Jan-July	\$148,402.52	\$135,677.89	\$12,724.63
Reserve as of January 1,			\$ 9,875.51
Operating Fund Balance			\$22,600.14